



## HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

**Charitable Class:** A Fund's Charitable Class is the group of individuals who are eligible to apply for a grant, per the Fund's criteria.

**Emergency Assistance Foundation (EAF):** Emergency Assistance Foundation administers all Maui Wildfires Relief Fund activities, including accepting donations, objectively reviewing grant applications, and awarding and distributing grants. EAF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, public, non-profit organization.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why donate to the Maui Wildfires Relief Fund?**

The Maui Wildfires Relief Fund was created to help individuals, families and service providers impacted by the August 2023 wildfires in Maui, Hawaii. The Fund relies on support from donations made by organizations and the general public. Every donation makes a difference, no matter the amount, and combined with the donations of others, helps to provide grants when they are needed most.

Donations to the Maui Wildfires Relief Fund will support eligible individuals and organizations impacted by this crisis until such time as the funds are exhausted or applications cease. In the latter situation, any remaining funds may be used in support of future qualified disaster events.

### **Who can donate to the Maui Wildfires Relief Fund?**

Anyone can donate to the Maui Wildfires Relief Fund. The Fund relies on support from donations made by organizations and the general public. Donations can be made as one-time gifts or recurring periodic contributions.

### **How much of my donation goes toward grants?**

Emergency Assistance Foundation (EAF) endeavors to keep administrative costs low in order to maximize dollars sent to those in need. Based on EAF's four-year average, 95.8% of donations are allocated to grant payments, while 4.2% go to administrative costs. Note that each Fund's individual percentage of administration costs will differ based on contributions, grant size, chosen grant criteria, and program type.

### **Are donations tax deductible?**

In the United States, all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Emergency Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, public, non-profit organization with Tax ID 45-1813056. For questions related to the tax treatment of donations, please contact your local tax professional.

### **How can donations be made?**

Donations can be made via credit/debit card, check, electronic transfer/wire, or securities:

- **Credit/Debit Card:** Click on the "Donate" button on the Maui Wildfires Relief Fund webpage (<https://mauiwildfiresrelieffund.com/>). You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring periodic contribution.
- To donate via **check, electronic transfer/wire, or securities**, please review the detailed instructions in our [Donation Methods Guide](#).

### **How do I change or cancel a recurring donation made through Donorbox?**

If you wish to change or cancel a recurring donation made through Donorbox, simply log in to your Donorbox account. (You should have received an email from Donorbox with a link to create an account when you initially set up your recurring donation.) Inside your account, click into the Recurring Plan that you would like to modify and make your preferred changes.

### **Can donations be directed to a specific individual?**



IRS regulations do not allow for donations to be earmarked for specific individuals. However, all donations made to Maui Wildfires Relief Fund will be used for the intended charitable purpose in aid of the Fund's Charitable Class.

**Will I receive an acknowledgement for my donation?**

Emergency Assistance Foundation's (EAF) donation acknowledgment process differs depending on the donation method and total donation amount. Please review the following details:

- **Credit/Debit Card Donations:** No matter the donation amount, you will receive an acknowledgment via email from receipts@mail2.donorbox.org at the time of your donation, or shortly thereafter. Please be sure to look for the email in any filtered inboxes and spam or junk folders. Also note that, per IRS regulations, an acknowledgment is not required for total donation amounts under US \$250 and your account statement is also an acceptable form of documentation when filing taxes.
- **Check, Electronic Transfer/Wire, or Securities Donations:** EAF does not provide acknowledgments for check, electronic transfer/wire, or securities donations under US \$250 because a canceled check or record of your electronic transfer/wire/securities donation is an acceptable form of documentation when filing taxes, per IRS regulations. If your total donation amount is equal to or over US \$250, you will receive a hard copy acknowledgement from EAF, which will be mailed to the address provided with the donation.

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**Do I have to contribute to the Maui Wildfires Relief Fund to be eligible to apply for a grant?**

Not at all. Donating to the Maui Wildfires Relief Fund is completely voluntary, and eligibility for assistance is based upon need and qualifying circumstances. In addition, no applicant is entitled to receive a grant based on their history of contributions to the Fund.

**Who can I contact for more information?**

Please contact MauiWildfires@EmergencyAssistanceFdn.org for additional information about donations.